

## **Samuel Mayo – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745**

Samuel Mayo was the son of Nathaniel and Hannah Prence Mayo and the grandson of Rev. John Mayo. Samuel and his brothers Thomas and Nathaniel Jr. lived in Eastham. Samuel was born in Eastham in 1655. No records of his marriage or children were found in the Eastham vital records. Samuel died in 1738 at age eighty-three. He has an original gravestone in Orleans Cemetery.

1678

Granted to Samuel Mayo six acres of land at Pochet on the northerly side of Daniel Doane's land and next to the cartway which went from Pochet highway to Jonathan Sparrow's land. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A117, S49.

1679

The three sons of Nathaniel Mayo (Samuel, Thomas and Nathaniel) agreed about distribution of the land inherited from their father. The land holdings included ten acres of land near the Cove where Thomas and Nathaniel lived, ten acres of upland at Pochet next to land of Thomas Rogers, land at Great Namskaket, meadow at Boat Meadow, meadow at Rock Harbor and land at Indian Brook at Billingsgate. PDF A159, M224, S55.

1682

Granted to Samuel Mayo, Thomas Mayo, Nathaniel Mayo, Daniel Doane and Thomas Bills the great dry swamp at Pochet provided they clear the swamp and kill the brush within six years. PDF P45.

1703

Samuel Mayo, Joshua Bangs, Israel Cole, Joseph Doane and Samuel Knowles were chosen by the Town as a committee to settle boundary disputes. Four such boundary disputes and their settlement were described in this record page. PDF A267.

Granted to Samuel Mayo and his heirs meadow on the flat between John Sparrow's dwelling house and Pochet Island and next to land of John Rogers. The dimensions indicate the grant was about six acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF A274, M155, S98.

Granted to Samuel Mayo and Joshua Harding a parcel of meadow at Pochet High Meadow near the beach with about ninety percent of the lot going to Samuel Mayo. The land was next to lots of John Sparrow and James Rogers. The dimensions indicate the lot was about four acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF M158, S88.

1706

In exchange for the Town taking Samuel Mayo's land on the southerly end of Sampson's Island, he was granted two small parcels of land amounting to about one acre near his house. Bounds were indicated by stones marked SM. PDF A286, M47, M48.

1710

Samuel Mayo complained that his lot lying at the mouth of Little River meadow at Billingsgate was being destroyed by sand. As a replacement the Town granted him two points or necks of upland. One neck was on the southern side of his meadow at Billingsgate. The other neck was on the northern side of his land next to land of John Doane. From the partial dimensions these appear to have been small parcels of an acre or less. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A178, M79.

1711

Granted to Samuel Mayo and his heirs three parcels of land amounting to about four acres. One-quarter acre was at the northeast corner of his house lot. Another parcel was about two acres adjoining his other land. One and three-quarters acres were northeast of land of his son Samuel. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T31.

Granted to Samuel Mayo and his heirs about one and one-half acres on the west side of cedar Swamp and next to the way that went from Eastham to Monomoy near the Sheep Pond and next to land of Nicholas Paine and John Sparrow. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T31.

Granted to Samuel Mayo and his heirs four parcels of land at Billingsgate making up in the whole about four acres. The parcels were next to or near his other land at Billingsgate. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T62.

Granted to Samuel Mayo and his heirs about four acres at Lieutenant's Island next to the Blackfish River and next to land of Josiah Cooke. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T62.

Granted to Samuel and his heirs a six acre wood lot at Billingsgate on the westerly side of Great Pond. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T62.

Land at Great Island at Billingsgate was divided into twenty-four approximately equal sized lots. The second lot was granted to Samuel Mayo, Daniel Mayo, George Brown, Nicholas Paine, James Snow and Joseph Snow. The lot was about seven acres like the other lots. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF T86.

Granted to Samuel Mayo and his heirs six acres for a wood lot on the north side of Grapevine Swamp and north of Major Freeman's wood lot. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T182.

#### 1715

Granted to Samuel Mayo and his heirs three parcels of land. The first parcel was about four acres next to his other land on the westerly side of the Dry Swamp. The second parcel was some strips of land near the first parcel. The dimensions indicate this second parcel was about ten acres. The third parcel adjoined his dwelling house lot on the northwest side. The dimensions indicate this parcel was about five acres. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T211.

Granted to Samuel Mayo and his heirs a wood lot on the east side of the way to Billingsgate. This was the thirtieth in a series of 156 wood lot grants. The lot ran north sixteen pole and ran east to the Backside Sea. Many of these lots ran east 320 pole (one mile). These dimensions would make the Mayo lot about thirty-two acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes. PDF T263.

1716

Samuel Mayo purchased from the Town for himself and his heirs for thirteen shillings and four pence land at the head of Rock Harbor Meadow. The land was next to his other land and next to land of John Cole. The dimensions of the purchase were not given but probably the purchase was at least one acre. PDF T312.

The Eastham land owned by Samuel Mayo or his heirs described in these records amounts to about ninety-five acres. Up to 1745 twenty-two more Mayos including his father and grandfather received Eastham land grants.